

# Apple Valley Woodturners

AAW Chapter in Winchester, Virginia



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## Notes from the President

To all,

1. Our auction was fantastic. We filled our coffers nicely. Mike will report the actual numbers below.
2. Several members have expressed a desire for a more structured approach to our skills sessions. We're going to put together a program of instruction (POI) Look for the roll out in August. More to follow on the revamping of skills.
3. The Board has been working on a revision of the Bylaws for the organization to bring them into line with the AAW recommendations. There will be a vote at the June meeting to approve the new Bylaws. Along with revising the Bylaws, the Board has created a Code of Conduct for the members. This will be posted at every meeting and is available on the web site now.
  - Bylaws: [https://applevalleywoodturners.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/AVW-Bylaws\\_2025-per-AAW-final-pre-approval.pdf](https://applevalleywoodturners.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/AVW-Bylaws_2025-per-AAW-final-pre-approval.pdf).
  - Code of Conduct: <https://applevalleywoodturners.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Code-of-Coduct-2025.pdf>.
  - Standard Operating Policies: <https://applevalleywoodturners.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/AVW-SOPs-final-2025.pdf>.

If you cannot be at the June meeting, you can cast your vote on the Bylaws [here](#).

4. As you know summer is fast approaching. When you head afield, whether it's for fun or work please protect yourselves against the summertime threats. Remember to stay hydrated. Beer, wine and distilled beverages do not hydrate you. They make you more susceptible to heat injuries. Water is the best. Remember to protect yourselves against insects. Specifically, ticks, mosquitoes, spiders and teenagers. Make sure someone knows where you're going and when you're expected to return. Many of us have forgotten our actual age and think we're able to keep up with the aforementioned teenagers. Lets be smart.
5. See you soon.

Roger

## From the Editor

The newsletter continues to see minor changes and additions. If anyone has any ideas they want to see included, then let me know.

Don't forget to send in your entries for the gallery pages. Download the [agreement form](#) and send the form and pictures to [webmaster@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:webmaster@applevalleywoodturners.info). NOTE: The pictures must be of your own work.

Don't forget the special challenge to ALL members. Turn an apple for the Apple Harvest Festival. Donate them to the club to be sold at the event. They can be any size, colored or plain, and you can make one or 101 pieces. If you don't know how to turn an apple, then you can watch this YouTube video for an idea of one way to do it - [https://youtu.be/t\\_9WhxpHOAU](https://youtu.be/t_9WhxpHOAU). Colwin Way is a well-respected turner in the UK. We will also do a skills session on turning apples at the June skills session (June 28). Let Roger know if you want to attend.

If you would like to be included in a member spotlight, then send 500 – 1000 words about yourself and your involvement with wood turning. Include a photo of yourself and any other items you want us to publish (examples of work, workshop etc.). Send the article to [newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info).

A new feature for this month is your favorite woodturning YouTube channels. We all watch YouTube, so share your favorites and we will list them each month in the newsletter.

Two free magazines you may not have seen dropped onto my desk this month. The first is from the Registered Professional Turner (RPT) organization in the UK. They have just revamped their magazine and made it free to everyone, not just RPT members. See the magazine at [https://issuu.com/rpturners/docs/the\\_professional\\_turner\\_public\\_edition\\_june\\_2025](https://issuu.com/rpturners/docs/the_professional_turner_public_edition_june_2025) (you may need to create a free account at Issuu.com). The second comes from the Worshipful Company of Turners of London. This organization in the UK is “one of the oldest Livery Companies in the City of London, the Turners’ Company was already a guild in the 12th Century. Some 200 years later, Edward III decreed that ‘wooden measures, as well for wine as for ale’ should be made only by ‘turnours’ with marks of their own – and the medieval turners established the English ‘pint’ as an official measure. In 1604 the Company received its Royal Charter from James I. To this day the Company continues to celebrate and support the ‘art or mysterie’ of turning.” Their magazine can be found at <https://turnersco.com/company/the-turner-magazine/>. Happy reading.

A few months ago, we were introduced to the ShenArts Artist Cooperative at our meeting. The ShenArts Artist Cooperative (SAC) art gallery has recently opened on the Walking Mall in downtown Winchester. The gallery, sponsored by The Shenandoah Arts Council, is located at 128 North Loudoun St., near Bell’s Clothing Store; the hours of operation are Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 12 pm to 5 pm, Friday from 12 pm to 8 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 8 pm. All of the artists represented have been selected by a jury, and the displayed works include photography, painting, pottery, woodworking, mixed-media, and more. You can learn more about the Cooperative and the artists at <https://www.shenartsgallery.com/about>.

**Remember:** the deadline for entries for the newsletter is two weeks before the monthly meeting. You can send anything for inclusion in the newsletter to me at [newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info).

## Program Schedule

The Apple Valley Woodturners Mission is:

“To educate our members, other woodturners, and the public in and about the art and craft of woodturning.”

The meetings take place on the third Saturday of the month at NW Works, Inc. starting at 9:00 am and usually comprise the following events:

- Meeting Notices etc.
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the challenge for the month.
- Raffle and “Win one – Turn one” (We have a “win one – turn one” raffle where, if you want to participate, you get a free ticket and if your ticket is drawn, you win the piece turned by someone else – BUT – you agree to bring a piece the following month to be raffled.)
- Demonstration

The demonstrators currently booked for 2025 are:

**June:** Roger Marchant (our president) will talk about and demonstrate how to core a bowl using the Woodcut Coring system. The skills session will include information on turning an apple.

**July:** Mike Fraser – Christmas comes early with Christmas ornaments. Get ready for the ornament exchange in December.

**August:** Joe Lehman from the Department of Forestry - Urban Forestry. Skills will be “how to turn a bowl”

**September:** No meeting – Apple Harvest Festival – volunteers needed see Roger or Mark. The skills session is tentatively set to be about sharpening.

**October:** To be announced. Skills session will be a battle tops workshop

**November:** Jason Breach - Japanese Box. This is an IRD (Interactive Remote Demo) and it will start



promptly at 10:00am (Jason is in the UK, so we will start promptly). To learn more about Jason you can visit his website at

<https://www.jasonbreach.co.uk/>, or his bio and examples of his work on The Worshipful Company of Turners website - <https://turnersco.com/craft/awards/yeoman-programme/jason-breach/>.

**December:** Battle tops, ornament exchange, Dinner and Business Meeting.

The Saturday following the meeting is a skills event. Meeting at the same place, at 9:00 am, this is your chance to bring that troublesome piece and get some expert advice on how to solve your problem. Occasionally this session is used to hold a hands-on session to follow on from the meeting demonstration. There may be a small charge for this, and numbers are limited to the number of available lathes, so sign up early.

## June Meeting Notice and Program

The June meeting will be held on June 21 at:

NW Works, Inc.  
3085 Shawnee Dr,  
Winchester, VA 22601

The meeting will start promptly at 9:00am and usually is done by noon. The doors will be open from 8:30am for people to come in and chat. There is often a group heading out for a sandwich after the meeting, so plan on joining them if you can.

- Business notices, announcements etc.
- Show and Tell (bring your latest turnings to share with the members) including the challenge for the month.
- Raffle and “win one – turn one”



- Monthly Demo – Roger Marchant will demonstrate the Woodcut Bowl Saver.

## Show-And-Tell

The Challenge for May was a wand.

Every month at the main meeting, attendees are encouraged to bring their turned items to show the rest of the attendees. Also, every month we have a club challenge. This is your chance to participate and show everyone your view of things. It is not compulsory and there are always lots of ways to meet the challenge. The challenges set so far are:

**June:** A Toy – anything that is turned that is meant to be played with.

**July:** A bowl – Lots of opportunities here for you to show off your work.

Challenges are usually announced at the meeting prior so there is a full month to get the piece made.

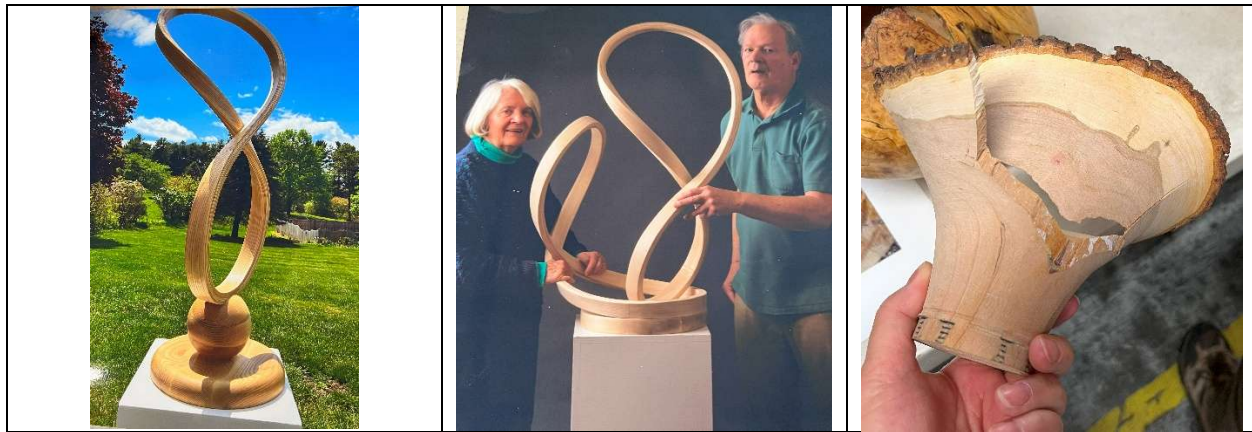
## Program Report

The May meeting was well attended with a lot of people participating in the challenge for the month. The photos below show many of the wand plus other items brought for show and tell. The May meeting featured David Fry. David is a well-known local turner. He brought samples of his work and discussed his career in woodturning. David's discussion about his career was well received. Roger then led a bidding session for items that have been donated to the club for the auction. The event went well with some spirited bidding and the club making \$939.00 to help bring some demonstrators to the club next year. Below are some pictures of the event including show and tell and David Fry's session.









## Treasurer's Report

We will usually include a report from the Treasurer each month so that you are aware of the financial state of the club.

As AVW Treasurer, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members who participated in our Annual Tool Auction. We had 32 members in attendance, with lots of participation in the bidding, well led by Roger. Ten members won 28 lots of tools and brought \$939.00 to our coffers. This additional funding provides a great cushion as Andrea arranges for additional professional turners during 2026.

Beginning Bank Balance (5/1/2025)	\$5431.45
Deposits	\$1168.00
Checks/EFT Cleared	\$ 47.66
Checks Pending	\$ 152.12
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 6337.33
Pending Deposits:	\$ 0.00
Cash for Change:	\$ 50.00
PayPal Balance	\$ 592.45
Total on hand	\$ 6924.78

## Tips and Tricks

This month's Tip is provided by Mike Fraser:

For many of us, a razor knife is an indispensable shop tool. When the blade gets dull, we turn it around to expose the unused end; then replace it when that end dulls.

Do you discard the dull blade? I don't.



These old blades make wonderful, custom-shaped, cabinet scrapers. Just take the old blade to a belt or disc sander and sand off the tapered edge, leaving it square with the sides. The grinding produces a wire edge that cuts beautifully. They work great removing slight tear-out on bowls or platters, inside or out, depending on how you shape the edge. A caution, the blades get HOT when grinding, so hold it with Vise-Grip pliers, a metal clamp, or similar.



Once it dulls, just grind again. And once it gets too small to hold comfortably, then discard it guilt-free, having gotten double duty from a common item.

See the photo for some of my current bunch. I plant them all over the shop like I'm hoping they will sprout and grow!

If you have a tip or trick you would like to share, send it to [newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:newsletter@applevalleywoodturners.info).

## **YouTube Suggestions**

To start the column, here are a few of my favorite YouTube channels (in no special order):

<https://www.youtube.com/@MikeHolton>

[https://www.youtube.com/@William\\_Kenny](https://www.youtube.com/@William_Kenny)

<https://www.youtube.com/@stewartfurini>

<https://www.youtube.com/@CarlJacobson>

<https://www.youtube.com/@ColwinWay>

[https://www.youtube.com/@Stable\\_Studio](https://www.youtube.com/@Stable_Studio)

## **Guest Editorial**

If you would like to write an article or editorial for the newsletter, let us know. It must be woodturning related. This month's article comes from Steve Halliday.

### **Herb Stripper**

I was recently asked by one of my friends if I could make her a herb stripper. I had no idea what that is, but of course I said yes. A quick research session on Google came up with a device to easily strip the leaves etc. from a "branch" of a herb (think rosemary, or thyme). I found pictures of two types of stripper on the web.





So, being a wood turner, I obviously chose the bowl type. Now I needed more research about the size of the bowl and the holes in it. I decided to go with about four inches for the diameter of the bowl, and about 2-3 inches deep. The holes were a bit tougher, but I decided on five holes  $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{3}{16}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{5}{16}$ , and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inches. I decided on putting them all on

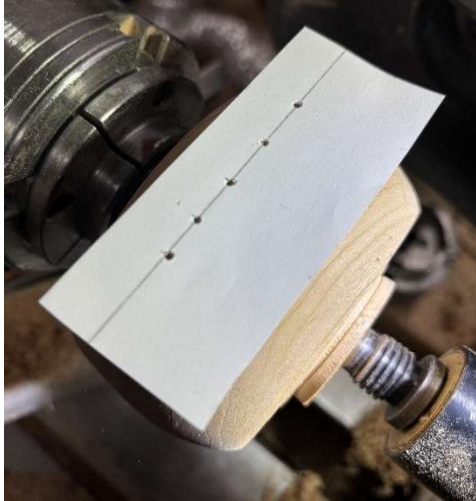
the same axis and that the spacing between the holes should be approximately equal.



I picked a piece of wood from my stash and set to. I mounted it between centers to start.



After turning it to rough shape I made a tenon.



Next was to drill the holes. A previous experiment had shown that this stage has to be done before the bowl is hollowed out as there is a major risk of breaking the bowl. I also found out during this that several of my brad point drills are not

perfectly straight. So these had to be replaced.



Bowl is now sanded to 400 and sanding sealer is applied.



Bowl is hollowed out being careful to leave enough supporting mass in the bowl until the top section is to the correct thickness. I chose about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.





More sanding, again to 400, and more sanding sealer.



A coat of final finish is now added to the bowl. I chose Waterlox Original. This is a catalyzed tung oil finish and is food safe when dry. I wanted a finish that the user did not have to worry about. I put two coats on the bowl.



Finally, I turned the bowl around and mounted it back on the lathe to turn off the tenon. I used Cole Jaws, but I could have used a jam chuck or a vacuum chuck (not easy because of the holes). The final stage was to finish the base and add my logo.

Here is the finished item.

## **For Sale/Wanted**

List your surplus woodturning related equipment or your needs here.



## Support Our Friends



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We all know and appreciate what McFarland's Mill does for our club. Please stop by to thank them for their help and, even better, purchase your turning supplies from them to support them for supporting us! Stephanie and Robert will appreciate your patronage, for sure.

In case you don't already know, they carry a variety of items from the Rockler catalog and, if they do not have something in stock, they will order it for you (sale prices, discounts, and specials apply) and you will not have to pay for shipping -a good deal! Contact Stephanie by phone or email.

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AVW is a Chapter of the American Association of Woodturners (AAW), the largest organization for woodturners in the world. You can enjoy a free 60-day trial membership by going to <http://www.woodturner.org>. In addition to home delivery of their award-winning bimonthly

publications, American Woodturner and FUNdamentals, there is always something new to learn and discover on the AAW web site.

## **What's Going On**

### **AAW Symposium 2025:**

Every year the AAW holds a symposium with many demonstrators from around the world along with vendors for you to buy that new toy! The 2025 Symposium will be June 12-15, 2025, at the Saint Paul RiverCenter in St. Paul MN. Registration is already open, and you can get early bird pricing until April 11, 2025. For more information including a list of the demonstrators already confirmed and the hotel information go to:

[https://www.aawsymposium.org/?utm\\_medium=web&utm\\_source=woodturner.org&utm\\_campaign=2025symposium&utm\\_content=registration](https://www.aawsymposium.org/?utm_medium=web&utm_source=woodturner.org&utm_campaign=2025symposium&utm_content=registration)

For the last few years, AAW have offered the chance to attend virtually with a limited number of demonstrations available to watch from the comfort of your home. This is a very affordable way to see some of the demos.

### **Mid Atlantic Woodturning Symposium**

Date: 09/19/25 - 09/21/25

Location: The Lancaster Marriott / Convention Center at Penn Square

Address: 25 S Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603

Phone:(717) 239-1600

### **Other symposiums:**

August 22-24 Southwest Association of Turners Symposium, Waco Convention Center, Waco, Waco TX

Sept 19-21 Rocky Mountain Woodturning, Loveland, CO

Sept 20-21 Apple Harvest, Clearbrook Fairgrounds, (AVW is participating)

Sept 26-28 Segmented Woodturning Symposium, Crown Plaza Hotel, Northbrook, IL

## **Virginia Clubs & Events**

### **Catoctin Area Turners**

Areas served: Serving western Loudoun County, Maryland

Contact: [https://www.catoctinareaturners.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4&club\\_id=779723](https://www.catoctinareaturners.org/content.aspx?page_id=4&club_id=779723)

Meetings: Thursday before the 3rd Saturday each month, 6:30-? pm at the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Department, 215 W. Loudoun Street, Leesburg, VA (Note: See web site for meeting exceptions in January and July.)

Web: <https://www.catoctinareaturners.org/>

### **Capitol Area Woodturners**

Areas served: Northern VA, DC, and MD.

Contact: <https://capwoodturners.org/membership/#contact>

Meetings: Pimmit Hills Center located at 7510 Lisle Ave, Falls Church VA 22043... second Saturday of each month, 8:00 am for "Social & Donuts", 8:30 am for show and tell and 9:00 am for business meeting and demo.

Web: <http://www.capwoodturners.org/>

### **Central Virginia Woodturners**

Areas served: from Charlottesville to Staunton to Harrisonburg.

Contact: <https://centralvawoodturners.org/contact-us/>

Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-9:00 pm, at the Crimora Community Center, 1648 New Hope and Crimora Road, Crimora, VA 24431,

Web: <http://www.centralvawoodturners.org/>

### **Mid-Maryland Woodturners Club**

Areas served: Serving the Frederick, Maryland area.

Contact: [https://www.mmwtc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4&club\\_id=840995](https://www.mmwtc.org/content.aspx?page_id=4&club_id=840995)

Meetings: Wednesday before the third Saturday of each month at 6:45 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 9664 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick MD 21702

Web: <http://www.mmwtc.org/>

### **Tidewater Turners**

Areas served: Serving the Norfolk, Virginia, area.

Contact: [tidewaterturners@gmail.com](mailto:tidewaterturners@gmail.com)

Meetings: Fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Woodcraft of Norfolk/Virginia Beach 5802 E. Virginia Beach Blvd, Suite 152, Norfolk, VA 23502

Web: <http://tidewaterturners.net/>

### **Woodturners of the Virginias**

Areas served: Serving the foothills of the Shenandoah Valley and neighboring West Virginia

Contact: <https://woodturnersofthevirginias.org/contact2/>

Meetings: First Saturday of each month, 9:00 am at Peter Shoemaker's "Phoenix Shop" at 5906 Main St., Mount Jackson, VA.

Web: <http://www.woodturnersofthevirginias.org/>



## **AVW Membership Renewal Form**

Membership Type (check one): Individual (\$40) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$45) \_\_\_\_\_

(check one): New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

AAW Member (yes/no): \_\_\_\_\_

Active-duty Military (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20) Branch? \_\_\_\_\_

Already a member of an AAW affiliate club (yes/no)? \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 discount on Individual and family))

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form to the Treasurer with Check or contact [treasurer@applevalleywoodturners.info](mailto:treasurer@applevalleywoodturners.info) for other payment methods.

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